

# Installation Ceremony for Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees 2020



The Installation Ceremony of the Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees 2020 was held at San Francisco's Chinatown on January 28, 2020. Chinese Hospital has served the San Francisco community for more than 120 years and it is always looking for opportunities to improve the quality of its healthcare services to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. The board aims to offer access to quality health care cost-effectively to all socioeconomic levels in an ethnically and culturally appropriate way.

This ceremony over a lunch banquet was well attended by civic and business leaders of the city along with Board predecessors, and the senior management team from Chinese Hospital and Chinese Community Health Plan. Together, they gave the warmest welcome to the Medical Staff and the new Board.

Mr. George Lew, President of the Board of Trustees 2019, reported the progress of the major developments during his tenure.

With the aim of providing more comprehensive services to the community and building a better and healthy community, in 2019 the hospital "has developed and implemented a comprehensive turnaround plan and worked persistently to secure the \$30 million CleanFund to create new services." In addition, Chinese Hospital has taken the lead in bringing new technology to the community. "Last July, we had the first HIFU service for prostate cancer completed in the hospital with a good outcome." Furthermore, as we have worked very hard on controlling our costs, Chinese Hospital "achieved a positive EBITDA of \$2.95 million" in 2019. We are also honored to receive a 5-star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid in 2019.

At the end of the speech, Mr. Lew expressed his sincere gratitude to all the donors for their generous support, "I want to thank all the supporters and donors for their generous donation and using our services. Because of your support, Chinese Hospital raised over \$3 million through fundraising activities."

Mr. Mel Lee, President of the Board of Trustees 2020, has been serving on the Board for years. Speaking at the ceremony, he stated that to expand the scope of medical services for the community, Chinese Hospital will establish cancer services and expand palliative care services. "We will continue to collaborate with the City Health System to make good use of the hospital's space." He also mentioned "the best way to support Chinese Hospital is to use our services and use CCHP as your insurance."

Another key goal this year, according to Mr. Lee, is recruiting more physicians to solve the overall physician shortage issue. “We’ve made good progress in many areas. Now, we need more physicians to serve the community.” Mr. Lee urged all physicians to work together with Chinese Hospital and CCHP to strengthen the positive outcomes of the hospital’s turnaround plan. The ultimate goal is to provide better services and bring more benefits to the community and patients.

Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees will continue to carry on and stay true to the Chinese Hospital’s mission in the coming year. They wish the community would continue to support the hospital.

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